

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for enabling an accessory cable for an electronic device to be used for carrying said electronic device, said method comprising:
 - 10 attaching a first portion of said accessory cable to said electronic device on a first side of said electronic device;
 - wrapping said accessory cable around a bottom side of said electronic device; and
 - 15 attaching a second portion of said accessory cable to said electronic device at first and second attachment points on a top side of said electronic device, said first and second attachment points being located to enable a handle to be formed by said accessory cable between said first and second attachment points, said handle being arranged to enable carrying said electronic device by said handle formed by said accessory cable.
- 25 2. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said electronic device is a laptop computer.
- 30 3. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said accessory cable is a cord for an AC adapter used with said electronic device.
4. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said accessory cable is a security cable apparatus used with said electronic device.

5. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said accessory cable is a network connector cable designed for use with said electronic device.

5 6. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said accessory cable is a universal serial bus (USB) connector cable designed for use with said electronic device.

10 7. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said accessory cable is enclosed within a flat belt-shaped strap, said strap being designed to provide additional support for said electronic device.

15 8. The method as set forth in claim 7 wherein said strap is attached to said electronic device using a selectively detachable hook and loop material.

20 9. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said accessory cable is attached to said electronic device using a selectively detachable hook and loop material.

10. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said accessory cable is attached to said electronic device using a selectively detachable hook and loop material.

25 11. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said first portion of said accessory cable comprises an electrical power connection to said electronic device.

30 12. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said first portion of said accessory cable comprises a security connection device arranged for connection to a security recess within said electronic device.

13. An electronic device comprising:

an outer casing having a top panel, a bottom panel and four side panels;

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attachment material disposed on said panels, said attachment material being designed to be selectively coupled to a cable accessory for said electronic device at two or more points on said top panel thereby enabling a handle to be formed by 10 said cable accessory whereby said electronic device may be carried by said handle formed by said cable accessory.

14. The electronic device as set forth in claim 13 wherein 15 said attachment material is a selectively detachable hook and loop material having a hooking surface and a corresponding loop surface.

15. The electronic device as set forth in claim 14 wherein 20 said hooking surface is permanently attached to said panels and said corresponding loop surface is permanently attached to said cable accessory.

16. The electronic device as set forth in claim 14 wherein 25 said hooking surface is permanently attached to said cable accessory and said corresponding loop surface is permanently attached to said panels.

17. The electronic device as set forth in claim 13 wherein 30 said attachment material is in the form of a flat belt permanently attached at points around outer edges of said side panels of said electronic device.

18. The electronic device as set forth in claim 13 wherein said electronic device includes a security recess for

receiving a security connector of a cable accessory for said electronic device.

19. An accessory strap for enclosing AC power conductors,
5 said accessory strap comprising a series of two or more pre-formed sections, said pre-formed sections being arranged to enclose electrical conductors used to connect said electronic device to a power source, said accessory strap being designed to be selectively placed around edges of said
10 electronic device, said accessory strap further including means for forming a carrying handle whereby said electronic device may be carried by said carrying handle when said accessory strap is arranged around said edges of said electronic device.
- 15 20. The accessory strap as set forth in claim 19 wherein said pre-formed sections are formed in a "U" shape to selectively fit snugly around outer edges of said electronic device.
- 20 21. The accessory strap as set forth in claim 20 wherein said electronic device is a laptop computer device.
- 25 22. The accessory strap as set forth in claim 21 wherein said electrical conductors are longer in length than said accessory strap whereby said accessory strap is effective to prevent mechanical stress being placed on said electrical conductors when said accessory strap is used to carry said laptop computer device.